

Fall 2020 CR/NC for Undergraduate Students



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Dear Undergraduate Students,

Based on the [announcement from Provost Blake](#), information about the Fall 2020 Pass/No Pass policy is outlined below. Please thoroughly read that statement and this outline before making a decision about P/NP.

The Policy

In the Fall 2020 semester, students have the option to take one undergraduate course as Pass/No Pass. *The deadline for electing a class P/NP is 5 pm EST on November 6.*

- Students who still wish to complete their courses for a letter grade may continue to do so.
- Once you change a course to Pass/No Pass, you cannot reverse that decision.
- If you change a class to Pass/No Pass, an earned grade of D- or higher will result in a 'P' for the course.
- A Fall 2020 P/NP will not count against the number of Pass/No Pass courses permitted under the Elliott School Pass/No Pass policy.
- Students of any academic standing may take one course Pass/No Pass.
- A general education course taken as Pass/No Pass will satisfy the requirement.
- A major or minor course taken as Pass/No Pass will satisfy the requirement.
- A Pass will suffice in courses that are prerequisites for another course.
- Taking a course Pass/No Pass will not impact a student's ability to use the course for academic forgiveness.

The Process

- Students should consult their academic advisors as part of making their decision. Your advisors will help you make an optimal choice and ensure that the class that you switch to Pass/No Pass is appropriate for exercising the option. Please refer to the [ESIA undergraduate advising page](#) to make an appointment.
- If you would like to switch one of your classes for Fall 2020 to Pass/No Pass, please use the [Fall 2020 Pass/No Pass Request Form](#). You can fill out and digitally sign the form and send it to your

advisor using your GW email or you can download the completed form, sign it, and scan it to your advisor using your GW email.

- The [Fall 2020 Pass/No Pass Request Form](#) will not be accepted unless it is sent using your GW email.
- You do not need your instructor's permission or signature to change a class to P/NP. However, you may want to confer about the class grade scale and your performance to date before deciding to change the grade mode.

Possible Implications

- Taking a class as P/NP will have a varied impact on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) depending upon your SAP status. For additional information, please consult with the Office of Student Financial Assistance.
- Students considering internal transfer between GW schools and colleges are advised (but not required for internal transfer to the Elliott School) to take for letter grade any courses that are prerequisites to transfer.
- Please consult as appropriate with international, athletic, or military and veteran services advisors if you wish to use the Pass/No Pass option in any of your classes to ensure that your choices do not adversely impact your future plans, visa status, or athletic status.
- Students also should check with admissions professionals about the appropriateness of electing as P/NP any courses that are required for medical or dental school, law school, other professional schools, or graduate school.

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

Elliott School Undergraduate Advising